



GATHERING

PRELUDE *Variations on “Sing Glory to the name of God”* Charles Callahan

WELCOME & INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Please check in by signing the register found in the pew or by scanning this code with your phone.



*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Please greet one another with “The peace of Christ be with you” or “And also with you.”

INTROIT *O Clap Your Hands* John Rutter
The Sanctuary Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 40:1-4*

One: I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

All: He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

One: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

All: Happy are those who make the Lord their trust, who do not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after false gods.

One: Let us worship Holy God.

*HYMN 10 *Sing Glory to the Name of God* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, sometimes we tire of doing what is good for others. We become numb to human suffering because of all the problems and pain in the world. Help us avoid making excuses for our lack of care. Help us know that even when we may not see it, you have a plan for our lives. Keep us sensitive and caring, that we would be people who love others deeply, because you love them, and you love us. Restore and renew our hearts to be more like your own. Amen.

*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

**All: We are saved by grace through faith. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

*GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:21-22

SERMON

Hell

A Word of Wisdom

Rev. Matthew Ruffner

RESPONDING

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From the Confession of 1967

God has endowed people with the capacities to make the world serve their needs and to enjoy its good things. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. People are free to seek their lives within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use their creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

How Firm a Foundation
The Sanctuary Choir
Text found at Hymn 463

arr. Mack Wilberg

***DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SENDING

***HYMN 415**

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

RESTORATION

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

Christ's Blessing

Paul Leddington Wright

***POSTLUDE**

Tu es Petra

Henri Mulet

("Thou art the rock, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall
not prevail against it."--Matthew 16:18)

WORSHIP LEADERS

The preacher is Rev. Matthew Ruffner. Rev. Caroline Braskamp, and Rev. Caroline Grindrod are the liturgists. The organist is Artist-in-Residence Bradley Hunter Welch. Steve Jobman, Artistic Director-in-Residence, conducts the Sanctuary Choir.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers of joy and celebration on the birth of Wade Kenneth Woosley, on December 3, 2025, to parents Bryce and Nicki Ledbetter. Proud grandparents are Frank and Kim Woosley.

Prayers for Charlie Johnson, Lisa & Michael Johnson, Will Johnson, Elaine Johnson, and their family, on the passing of Charlie's wife, Allison Brockett Johnson, on January 7, 2026. A memorial service was held on January 17 at 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Columbarium Garden were made possible by Miranda and David Lind, to the glory of God and in loving memory of Hong Ton "Jimmy" and Toy Yee.

FOR OUR GUESTS

OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP EXTENDS BEYOND THE WALLS OF THE SANCTUARY in the form of video recording and live streaming. Your presence with us today signifies consent to the possibility that your image may be included as part of our media broadcast. Children of all ages are welcome in worship! Worship kits are available on the white cube shelves in the north and south transepts. We also provide a professionally staffed nursery in room S168 (across from the church office) for infants through 36 months.



Rev. Matthew Ruffner
Senior Pastor



Rev. Mark Brainerd
Senior Associate Pastor



Rev. Caroline Grindrod
Associate Pastor for Young
Adults, Developing Families, &
Connection



Rev. Elizabeth Snyder
Monie Pastoral Resident



Rev. Caroline Braskamp
Pastoral Associate for
Faith Formation



Rev. Dr. John Roper
Parish Associate

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

Words Whose Meanings Change

Sundays | January 18 & 25 | 10 a.m. | Jubilee B

Ever wondered why we use certain words at PHPC—and not others? Or ever struggled to find the right word to honor the people that you're speaking with? Our language is an indicator of what we truly value. Come explore the language shift from mission to community impact (January 18) and special needs to disabled (January 25) (with guest speaker Hollis Owens, Founder of To Be Like Me).

Word of Wisdom Journal Part Two

Pick Up at Atrium Counter | \$5

Part Two of A Word of Wisdom Journal is now available. This journal was created by PHPC to help you engage more deeply with each week's theme. We are continuing to explore a new word each week. We will learn about reclaimed words, the seven deadly sins during Lent, and finish in the spring with the paths of wisdom. Order your copy using the QR code below for \$5, and you can pick it up in the Atrium on Sundays or at the front desk during the week.



2026 Officer Nominations

Now Through January 31

Ruling Elder and Deacon nominations are being received now through January 31. All the information can be found on our website at phpc.org/officer-nominations, including information on how to submit a nomination. Please contact Ann Halwas at ahalwas@phpc.org with any questions.

Peace and Reconciliation: An Evening with Bob Chilcott and the Sanctuary Choir

Sunday | February 1 | 7 p.m. | Sanctuary

British Composer, Conductor, and former member of The King's Singers, Bob Chilcott, will conduct the USA premiere of his "Mass for Peace and Reconciliation," which was first performed in July 2025, in Hereford, UK, during the Three Choirs Festival. The work will be performed by the Sanctuary Choir, featuring soloist Josefina Maldonado, and accompanied by a brass ensemble. The event is free and open to the public, but RSVPs are highly encouraged. Use the QR code below to register.



Plan Your Lent Today

Church Season

Sundays | January 25 - March 1 | 5:30 p.m.

Church Season is a short, intensive six-week experience designed to build community and increase biblical literacy among families at PHPC. We will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner together as families. After dinner, parents will gather in the Parlor for Bible study while the kids play. This session will focus on prayer practices. The program cost is \$50 for the whole family. Scan the QR code above to register.



Lent Enneagram Groups

February 8, 22; March 1, 8, 15, 22 | 10 am | Jubilee B

Want to learn more about your core motivations—and understand why certain virtues are easier and certain vices stickier for you? Come explore the dimensions of the Enneagram, a personality framework, and how it can be used as a tool for growth and transformation—with the company of a small group for six weeks. Please sign up on Realm, the website, using the QR code above by February 2.



Lent Table Groups

After Crowded Table, many wanted a chance to meet people from the church who do not go to their service, are not in their Sunday School class, or are in a different life phase. Join us for a less crowded table over the six weeks of Lent. Table Groups will meet for lunch or dinner three times. The groups will be assigned and will stay the same, allowing you to deepen relationships. You will coordinate together whether you go out to dinner, host at home, or have a picnic. Fellowship, joy, and connection will abound. Use the QR code above to register.

